All 40 AP exams by 2025 pass rate

Percentage scoring 3 or higher, from the College Board's published 2024 and 2025 figures. A pass rate measures the exam and the students together: Calculus BC (79) is harder than AB (64) but its students are stronger.

#	Exam	2025	2024
1	Latin	59	57
2	Music Theory	60	60
3	Statistics	60	62
4	Calculus AB	64	64
5	Computer Science Principles	64	64
6	World History: Modern	64	64
7	Art History	65	63
8	Human Geography	65	56
9	Physics 1	66	47
10	Computer Science A	67	67
11	Economics: Macro	67	65
12	Economics: Micro	68	68
13	Environmental Science	69	54
14	Biology	70	68
15	Spanish Literature and Culture	70	67
16	Art and Design: 3-D	72	72
17	German Language and Culture	72	70
18	Government and Politics: Comparative	72	73
19	Government and Politics: U.S.	72	73
20	Physics 2	72	71

#	Exam	2025	2024
21	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	72	72
22	Physics C: Mechanics	72	76
23	Psychology	72	62
24	European History	73	72
25	English Language and Composition	74	55
26	English Literature and Composition	74	72
27	French Language and Culture	74	72
28	Japanese Language and Culture	74	76
29	United States History	74	72
30	Italian Language and Culture	75	72
31	Chemistry	78	76
32	African American Studies	79	73
33	Calculus BC	79	81
34	Precalculus	81	76
35	Art and Design: 2-D	83	83
36	Art and Design: Drawing	84	84
37	Spanish Language and Culture	85	83
38	Seminar	86	86
39	Research	88	86
40	Chinese Language and Culture	89	89

2025 standard-setting moved five exams: Physics 1 from 47 to 66, English Language 55 to 74, Environmental Science 54 to 69, Human Geography 56 to 65, Psychology 62 to 72. Latin is scheduled for review in June 2026.

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Hardest and easiest, by score and by workload

By score (2025 pass rate)	Hardest	Easiest
	Latin 59, Statistics 60, Music Theory 60, Calculus AB 64, CS Principles 64, World History 64	Chinese 89, Research 88, Seminar 86, Spanish Language 85, Drawing 84, 2-D 83, Precalculus 81, Calculus BC 79

Workload	Courses	Why
Heaviest	Physics C (both), Chemistry, Biology, Calculus BC, US History	calculus-based physics; nightly problem sets; two years of content in one; the pace of BC
Heavy	Calculus AB, English Lit, European and World History, Statistics, CS A, Physics 1 and 2	new ways of thinking rather than more facts
Moderate	English Lang, US Government, Macro and Micro, Precalculus, CS Principles, languages for fluent speakers	one skill practised to a high standard
Lighter	Psychology, Human Geography, Environmental Science, Seminar, Research, the arts for artists	vocabulary and concepts, or a portfolio built over a year

Choosing: the five rules

[ ] Strengths first: readers and writers to Lang, US History, Government; problem-solvers to Calculus, Physics, Chemistry.
[ ] No more than two heaviest-workload courses in one year.
[ ] Match the intended major for the two or three APs colleges weigh most.
[ ] Try two past free-response questions (College Board publishes them all) before enrolling.
[ ] Score beats count: two 5s outrank four 3s.

Course planner

Grade 10: _____

Grade 11: _____

Grade 12: _____

Heaviest-workload count per year (max 2): _____

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